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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION  
Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b)

PATENT APPLICATION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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NON REISSUE  
NON PCT NAT PHASE

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Sir:

Herewith is the PATENT APPLICATION of  
Inventor(s): Akio TAKAHASHI of Shizuoka, Japan

Title BACKGROUND NOISE ELIMINATING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM  
REALIZING SUCH METHOD

Atty. Dkt.: PW 027 7012 | H7538US  
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including:

Date: August 31, 2001

1. Specification: 19 pages (only spec. and claims) 2. ☐ Specification in non-English language  
3. Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy ☒ Abstract 1 page(s); 8 numbered claims  
4. ☒ Drawings: 9 sheet(s) ☐ informal; ☒ formal of size: ☒ A4 ☐ 11"  
5. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National or International application(s). ("X" box only if info is there and do not complete corresponding item 5 or 6). (Prior M# SN )  
6. **AMEND the specification** please by inserting before the first line: -- This is a ☐ Continuation-in-Part  
☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation ☐ Substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of:  
6(a) ☐ National Appln. No. / filed (M# )  
6(b) ☐ International Appln. No. filed  
which designated the U.S., and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.--  
7. ☐ **AMEND the specification** by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/ , filed .--  
8. ☒ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.  
9. ☐ Prior application is assigned to

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10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in Japan  
11. (country)

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 2000-267576	09/04/2000	(2)	
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12. 1 (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☒ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) filed on  
in U.S. Application No. /  
13. Small entity status ☐ is **not** claimed; ☐ is claimed (Pre-filing confirmation required)  
13(a). ☐ Attached: (No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (since 9/8/00 small entity statement(s) not essential to make claim)  
13(b) ☐ See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (PAT-258)

14. DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

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15. ☐ This application is being filed under Rule 53(b)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who was not named in the prior application.

16. ☐ Attached:

17. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:

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				Large/Small Entity		Fee Code
18. Basic Filing Fee				\$710/\$355	\$710	101/201
19. Total Effective Claims	8	minus 20 =	*0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ 0	103/203
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25. <input type="checkbox"/> Attached is a Petition/Fee under Rule No.				+ \$130	+ 0	122
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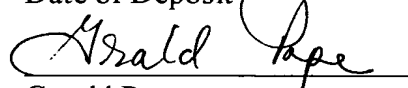
- ☒ Letter of transmittal
- ☒ Patent application (19 pages of specification; 8 claims; 1 pages of abstract)
- ☒ Checks in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the filing fee
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- ☒ 9 sheets of formal drawings
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- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement with 2 references
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